

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Virginia Tech Shooting

SITUATION REPORT #3

1230 Hours 18 April 2007

New information is in bold italics.

SUMMARY

An early morning shooting occurred on the campus of Virginia Tech, beginning at approximately 0730 hours 16 April, 2007 resulting in 33 fatalities and 29 injuries. The gunman, identified as Cho Seung-hui, a 23-year-old English major from South Korea, is among the dead. The shootings occurred in Ambler Johnston Hall and Norris Hall. The injured were transported to local hospitals in the Blacksburg and Roanoke areas.

WEATHER FORECAST

Blacksburg Area: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Northwest wind between 7 and 9 mph.

Tonight: A chance of showers after 8pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North wind between 3 and 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

State of Emergency: As of 1650 hours 16 April Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to the VA Tech Shooting.

EOC Activation: The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Normal Operations, providing assistance to local and state agencies as requested. VEOC also in contact with VA Tech emergency staff. The Virginia Fusion Center is receiving and disseminating information as appropriate.

Protective Actions: Local Emergency Declared:
Montgomery County – 16 April at 1402 hours

EOC Activations:
Montgomery County – 16 April at 1300 hours and 3 command posts are set-up.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point: Normal Operations, monitoring situation

Local Liaison: Contacting Montgomery County Emergency Manager, maintaining contact with VDEM Region 6 and Region 4 Coordinators to obtain situational awareness and accepting requests for resources. ***Regional Coordinators Crigger and Coyle remain on scene working with University staff to coordinate recovery efforts. They are on 12 hour operational period, 8A-8P only. VDSS assets continue running Family Assistance Center (FAC) and are coordinating efforts with ARC and other support agencies. A decision will be made this afternoon about continued staffing levels for the rest of the week. The University's Policy Group is making strategic decisions, no EOC has been established. SMA provided dispatchers supporting university's information call center will demobilize at noon. No further assistance in the call center will be required.***

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<u>Request*</u>	<u>Status</u>
6 to 10 CISM teams – VDH, VSP	Completed
Family Service Center - DSS	Completed

**Completed Requests are located in previous Situation Reports*

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services – VDH Regional Health Planner, Chief Medical Examiner and 9 additional personnel are on scene. The Emergency Coordination Center opened at 1300 hours 16 April and is coordinating activities with the VEOC.

ESF 13 – Virginia State Police (VSP) – VT Campus Police have relinquished Incident Command to VSP. Supported by FBI, ATF Agents and Campus Police efforts are being directed to site security and evidence collection. The Secretary of Public Safety and VSP Superintendent are on-scene.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) – *FAC is staffed by 2 VDSS staff, 9 local DSS staff, 7 representing Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund and Victim/Witness program, and 1 from the Virginia Funeral Director's Association. One additional family has been registered at the FAC. VDSS has a representative in the Emergency Coordination Center..* Arrangements are being made to have representatives from the Funeral Directors Association and the Bureau of Insurance available. *Staff from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund are on site to take applications.* Behavioral Health Counselors have been on the scene since 17 April.

New River Valley Community Services Board staff and counselors continue to support the Family Service Center. The Blue Ridge Behavioral Health Authority working with the Red Cross has established support services at the Roanoke Airport and the Marriott Hotel in the City of Roanoke for arriving family members.

Red Cross (ARC) – *ARC is providing staffing at 3 locations, local YMCA, VA Tech Family Service Center and the VA Tech Student Center. They are also helping to staff the VA Tech Call Center. Shuttle service is being provided by ARC personnel from the Blacksburg Airport to the VA Tech campus for arriving family members.* ARC PIO is on scene. ARC is providing meals to emergency response personnel.

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing teams (CISD) remain on scene to assist first responders with their needs. The Fairfax CISD team arrived on scene with 4 members at 08:00 hours 18 April. US Attorney's Victim's Assistance Staff are on scene.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 - Resource Management – Coordinating resource requests. **None Pending.**

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 - Emergency Management – Planning Section preparing daily Situation Reports.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESF 15 – Public Information – VDEM PIO is on scene at VA Tech. JIC was established 17 April. *The JIC is fully operational with PIO representatives from VA Tech, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Virginia State Police (VSP), Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), and The University of Virginia (UVA) staffing the facility. Approximately 75 calls from the media have been received by the JIC with media interviews being conducted throughout the campus. A law enforcement briefing was held at 10:00 hours, 18 April. It was reported that over 300 media outlets and over 100 satellite trucks on scene.*

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LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Montgomery County Emergency Management, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, VA Tech Police, and Emergency Response Personnel remain on-scene. VA Tech has contracted with Cook Counseling to assist students with addressing the incident. The VA Tech Call Center Toll Free # is 800-533-1144. The Inn at Virginia Tech is providing support services to family members. The Squire Student Center is providing support services to students.

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